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SCHOOL OF LIFE

Pasha helped students pull through covid-19

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This week, our first batch of students are appearing for board exams; we are glad that we were of some help to these children. The journey has become more exciting than it was for me earlier," said Arif Pasha, a life skills coach who helped hundreds of students pull through their education during the pandemic in Bengaluru.

Pahsa's is indeed a moving story.

From a BPO staffer to a volunteering teacher at a government school, and transforming himself to a life-skills coach, Pasha (38) has come a long way.

Pasha has helped over 40,000 students across Bengaluru and other cities guiding them through goal setting sessions to pursue studies and careers.

Coming from a humble background, Pasha was forced to drop out of his bachelor's education in commerce and take up a BPO job in the mid 2000s as it was paying handsomely back then.

During his stint with the BPO's

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"Students were thronging our centre; we had more than 150 students enrolled for coaching

–Arif Pasha, life skills coach

WATER DELAY

TG Halli reservoir to quench thirst of 110 villages in western Bengaluru

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Bengalureans will have to wait a bit longer to receive water from the Thippagondanahalli (TG Halli) reservoir.

The Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) had earlier set March 2022 as the deadline to complete this ambitious project.

However, now the deadline has been extended to September 2022.

According to BWSSB, this is due to a delay in receiving equipment for the sewage treatment plant (STP) and water treatment plant from abroad.

BWSSB chief engineer SV Ramesh said the project is currently on hold as delivery of machinery from various countries are awaited.

"Around 80% of the work on rejuvenation is already completed. We are waiting for electromechanical valves and STP equipment, which is to come from Sweden and Japan. We have adopted the homogenisation technique in the water treatment plant; this technology has to be imported from the US. We have been informed that the machines have already been shipped and they are on the way. Once they arrive, we will install and commission the project," Ramesh.

Earlier, BWSSB had set December 2021 as its first deadline to complete the rejuvenation of the reservoir.

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Karnataka, a spammer's paradise?

Even after opting for DND, mobile phone users in the state face pesky call attempts

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Are you tired of receiving spam or phishing calls quite often? You are not alone, as mobile phone users in Karnataka receive one of the highest numbers of pesky calls in the country.

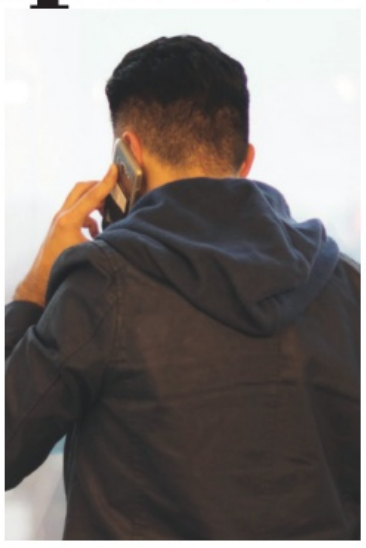
According to the data received from the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), a whopping 1,89,951 spam calls were received in the year 2021. In the year 2020, 98,303 pesky calls were made to the State's mobile phone customers. The total number of spam calls made in the country were 12,84,061 in 2021.

As mobile networks are categorised based on telecom circles, Mumbai had the highest number of spam calls (2,42,329) followed by Delhi (2,14,840). Among the State circles, Karnataka had the highest. "This is ridiculous.

Despite registering in the don't call registry, I end up receiving so many unwanted calls in a day. There seems to be no option to put an end to these calls. I was always wondering that it was not just me but all my family members were also becoming prey to these unsolicited calls", said Nandini Gowda, a final year BCom student.

Guru Kiran, a businessman said, "I receive a lot of clients due to my business interest. Many times, whenever I am in an urgent meeting, I receive spam calls."

Union Minister of State for Communications Devusinh Chauhan said,



"TRAI issued a regulation-'"Telecom Commercial Communication Customers Preference Regulation (TCCCPR) 2018 with an aim to prevent the incidence of unsolicited commercial communications (UCC) which may include spam and phishing calls." The regulation provides for registration of senders such as businesses, telemarketers with telecom service providers. The registration process helps the businesses to assert their identity and build trust of the clients, supports in traceability of senders and diminishes the ability of unknown entities reaching their customers with calls and messages, which may be fraudulent or otherwise dubious in nature.

> **"I end up receiving so many unwanted calls in a day, and there seems to be no way to end these calls**
> – Nandini Gowda, a final-year student

The regulation came into force in February 2019 under which telecom service providers (TSP) submitted reports on UCC complaints to TRAI. Reports from TSPs were received by TRAI with effect from April 1, 2020 and 2021. As per the data, the total complaints against service providers in Mumbai, Delhi, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu are more in comparison with other States."

Telephone customers say that there should be a mechanism to completely bar such calls. "When I have already opted for DND, why should I still receive spam calls? There have been a number of mobile phishing and syphoning of funds from bank accounts being reported. If we can track and stop the misuse, many people will not end up losing their precious money.

So, it is time for the government to act on these UCC complaints and completely bar them from calling," said Siddu Aradhya, a final year engineering student.

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Jetting off, after a two-year jinx

With international flights resuming fully and covid norms being lifted, travel bugs cannot wait to visit exotic locales

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Travel enthusiasts have a reason to celebrate. After a hiatus of two years, international flights have been resumed fully, and citizens are raring to jet off. Many countries have scrapped Covid flying restrictions and have begun to offer discounts.

With airlines adding more flights, airfares on international flights have begun to witness a fluctuation. Europe is emerging as a popular travel destination in May while Middle East and South East Asia are back in the reckoning as all-time favourites.

According to tour operators, business travel resumed in a big way from Bengaluru to UAE and Singapore. Many seasoned travellers have already booked tickets for Europe and leisure travel is expected to pick up pace.

People have started to book destinations in Europe while lots of enquiries are coming in for Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand.

There is no requirement for RT-PCR tests or masks in public places in Singapore. Airfares have also become competitive due to multiple options for people to fly to Europe, Colombo, Dubai, Doha, Kuwait. Abu Dhabi is a popular transit point offered by airlines at competitive prices.

Meanwhile, the Bengaluru airport has been witnessing 25 daily international departures, a significant increase from the earlier 10 per day. In fact, the airport has reinstated more than 90 per cent routes compared to pre-Covid times.

Currently, KIA is connected to 21 international destinations in 17 countries operating through 24 airlines, and the airport will be adding newer routes later this year to Seattle (American Airlines) and will be strengthening its existing route to San Francisco (Air India) with

Air traffic is going up at KIA, thanks to covid restrictions being lifted in many countries

United Airlines set to launch weekly flights in October, connecting the world's two biggest tech hubs: Bengaluru and San Francisco.

Pre-covid, KIA connected 25 international destinations, with an average of 40 international departures each day. Air India's bi-weekly, non-stop Bengaluru-San Francisco flight, became the first airport in South and Central India to have non-stop connectivity to North America. Japan Airlines has weekly flights to Tokyo Narita and is expected to progressively increase frequency of flights between the two cities.

United Airlines and American Airlines announced flight operations to BLR Airport despite the pandemic (flights are expected to start later this year). There is a surge among tourist operators as well with Bengaluru being connected to 74 domestic destinations.

No way to evade pet trade norms

Committee starts pet shop inspection drive, serves 15-day notice to those flouting regulations

If trading norms are not met, the animal welfare board can seize the shop owner's license

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As per the orders of the Karnataka Animal Welfare Board (KAWB), an inspection of pet shops is being carried out in all 56 pet shops and markets in the city. The board formed a committee of four members this week to carry out the inspection to ensure that the shop owners are adhering to licensing requirements.

On Monday, a team of doctors, including BBMP officials and those from the inspection committee visited over six pet shops in Shivajinagar to monitor the health condition of the animals being sold. The owners were asked to produce licensing documents of the animals.

Arun Prasad, an animal activist, who is one of the four committee members of the Karnataka Animal Welfare Board, said, "While conducting an inspection in Shivajinagar, it was noticed that shops selling exotic birds do not have licence and we have given them 15 days time to produce necessary documents. If they fail to do the same, we will record it in our report and hand it over to the board to take necessary action."

As per the rules, a KAWB-authorised veterinarian can enter into the establishment (pet shops or market) at any given time and access all the areas of establishment. They are allowed to even take pictures, record videos and are supposed to check the animals' records to ascertain that the rules are followed.

> **Many shop owners are unaware of all the rules. Following the inspection, they will understand that the rules are mandatory**
>
> –Arun Prasad, member of KAWB-formed committee

The committee members should check on requirements like registration of the shop, whether the individual has attained the age of majority, is of sound mind, not disqualified from contracting under any law. They can check if registrations are made in accordance with the law, including other requirements as mentioned by the board.

The next requirements are accommodation, housing and infrastructure. They can even check if the pet shop has basic amenities such as water and electricity and if they provide a hygienic and spacious place for the animals. The ventilation of the place is also monitored. Other aspects include general care of animals, veterinary care and other operational requirements. Pet shop owners should maintain all the records- which include details of breeders, suppliers, pet species. Also, a record should be maintained for animals that died at the stores.

If the rules are not in compliance, then the board can even seize the shop owners' licence.

For the import of exotic breeds of animals and birds, the pet shop owners need to obtain necessary approvals from the director general of foreign trade, sanitary import permit, permission from regional or State Animal Quarantine board and certification certificate. The owners should possess documents showing that the imports of animals and birds have been done through legal and appropriate channels. "We will be monitoring all the norms. Those failing to comply with the rules will be recorded. Many shops do not know about all the rules. Now with this inspection, the pet shop owners will understand that the rules are mandatory," said Prasad.

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Exotic pets on the loose can wreak havoc on local ecology just as the invasive red-eared slider turtles abandoned in Bengaluru's lakes

THE ANIMAL INSTINCT

'Even anacondas available in the city'

Bangalore Mirror's report on October 13, 2021 narrated how the trade of exotic animals in Bengaluru continues unabated

Cop, youth killed in road mishap

A 54-year-old police sub inspector attached to the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and a 22-year-old engineering student from Yemen were killed when the bike the latter was riding hit the police officer opposite to CRPF West camp gate at the Yelahanka traffic police station limits on Wednesday.

The deceased have been identified as Swami Gowda (54) and Ammar Suleha (22). Suleha was pursuing second year engineering at a private college in the city, the police said.

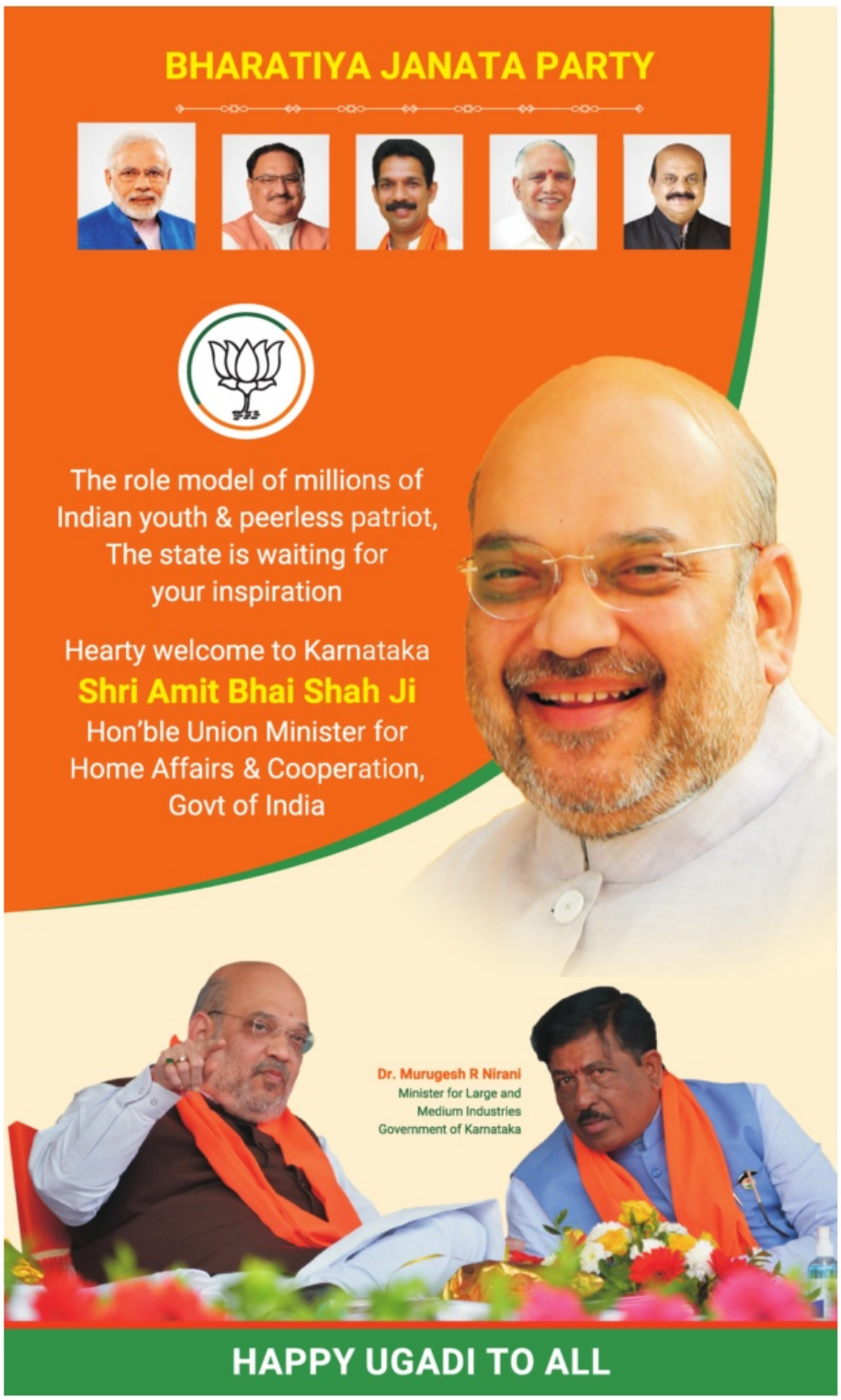
According to the police, the accident occurred around 11.30 pm when Suleha was returning home on his bike, riding it in a rash and negligent manner. Swami Gowda stepped out of the camp after his night shift to return home. After walking a few steps from the gate, Suleha's vehicle hit Gowda, the police said, as a result of which Gowda stuck to the handle and was dragged for about 50 feet away before the duo fell on the road. The helmet that Suleha was wearing also had fallen off, the police added. – BMB

CRIME FILES

POCSO accused gets 20 yrs in jail

A fast-track court in Bengaluru, on Thursday, convicted a 50-year-old construction labourer in a POCSO case registered in 2015 and sentenced him to 20 years of rigorous imprisonment. A fine of Rs 10,000 was imposed on the convict. The court also ordered a compensation of Rs 4 lakh to the victim.

Muthu Poomale from HAL was a neighbour of the victim. According to the charge-sheet, he had dragged the six-year-old victim into his house and sexually assaulted her in September 2015. The victim was playing outside her house with other children while her parents had gone out. The parents returned home to find the girl was missing and the other children informed them that the neighbour had taken her away to his house. The parents rushed to the house of Muthu which was locked from inside and forced open the door to catch him red-handed. Based on the parents' complaint, the police arrested the accused under POCSO Act and remanded him to judicial custody. – BMB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Waste disposal, the DIY way

Solid waste to be disposed through composting or bio-methanation at the source

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) in a circular on Thursday stated that from now on, bulk waste generators cannot send out the solid waste through BBMP vehicles. Instead, they have to segregate it at the source itself.

BBMP said that builders must reserve space exclusively for solid waste management in their own building premises if the buildings cover more than five square kilometre or the estimated waste generated is above 100 kg.

As per the circular issued by BBMP Chief Commissioner Gaurav Gupta on Thursday, residential bulk waste generators in apartments, multi-dwelling units, gated communities consisting of more than 100 units should ensure segregation of solid waste at source within their premises and facilitate collection, processing and disposal of segregated solid waste.

The biodegradable waste has to be processed, treated and disposed through composting or bio-methanation within the premises. If there is no space within the premises, the waste generator should identify the space for waste processing in BBMP limits at their own cost.

The circular stated that if the society's in-charge members failed to comply with the rules, they would be penalised. "The authorised waste processors would be required to register themselves with BBMP along with proof of grant of authorisation by the KSPCB before they carry out the services of collection, transportation and processing for bulk waste generators, on payment of a registration fee as stated by BBMP. They must maintain all records for traceability of waste from collection point up to processing and disposal point for audit purposes," the circular added.

Biodegradable waste being collected and processed by BBMP-authorised waste processors

"The waste processors must maintain all records for traceability of waste from collection point up to processing and disposal point for audit purposes –Gaurav Gupta, BBMP

The bulk waste generator should give their wet waste/food waste to BBMP-authorised piggery farmers. If the waste generators are processing their waste within their own premises, BBMP officials will conduct inspections on the premises.

The circular also stated that if waste is being processed in accordance with the Solid Waste Management Rules and Guidelines issued by the KSPCB/ CPCB, such waste generators will be given some rebate/exemption from the SWM user fee payable. If the waste generator submits false information or false records that the waste is being processed by in-situ composting or biomethanisation, the waste generator will be charged with a penalty and legal action will also be taken.

Therefore, all the bulk waste generators like apartments with more than 100 units and/or located in an area above 5000 sq mts, malls, three star hotels, IT tech parks, MNCs, gated communities, Kalyan Mantapas, Government offices which generates more than 100kgs of waste should ensure segregation of Solid Waste at source and facilitate collection, processing and disposal of segregated Solid Waste within their premises.

–Prakash VL

Stepping towards cleaner Mahadevapura

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Over 30 citizens converged at Rainbow Children's Hospital, Doddanekundi on Outer Ring Road at 7am on Wednesday for a mission – to modify the crucial junction and make it more pedestrian-friendly and aesthetically pleasing.

The project was in response to the launch of the CleanStreet75KM challenge at Mahadevapura launched by the CM BS Yediyurappa. The volunteers are employees of Citrix R&D India, and this was their way of giving back to the city, by partnering with Mahadevapura Task Force (Team BBMP) and Knowledge Partner - The Ugly Indian.

Volunteers painting the repaired walls in Doddanekundi

As part of this Junction improvement project that has been in progress for the past 2 months, a new traffic island and footpath has been constructed on the service road, a wall has been built at the open drain and a staircase has been constructed to facilitate access to the bus stop on ORR. Wednesday's project was the final finishing act where the entire area was spruced up with a coat of paint and a customised design to suit the junction.

The volunteers and BBMP pourakarmikas first removed huge amounts of dust that had accumulated on the massive retaining walls of the underpass under the Railway line on ORR, after which unique, pleasing designs were painted across the wall surfaces. A few years ago the walls of the Railway Underpass and the pillars of the nearby Doddanekundi Flyover had been cleaned and painted by volunteers. There will be many more such volunteer events in the weeks ahead.

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Banners galore
Cantonment Railway Station

Flexes and banners concerning political leaders are filled across the Cantonment Railway Station area. Some have fallen and are scattered on the road. The issue needs to be fixed soon.

Standing threat
RT Nagar

Remains of a tree outside Florence School in RT Nagar, next to the post office, has become a danger to school students and pedestrians as it can fall any moment. The BBMP and other authorities are not taking any action. The issue has to be brought to the notice of authorities before the tree claims any life.

No loo access
Nandini Layout

A public toilet in Nandini Layout is locked and not available for public access for a while. May such public toilets across the city are non- functional due to lack of maintenance, lack of water or lack of caretaker among many other reasons.

Bus pass app? Not a very smart idea

BMTC passengers complain that they are technologically challenged; say many do not even have a smartphone

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Commuters would prefer buying the monthly pass directly from conductors instead of standing in queues at depots

The Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation's (BMTC) decision to launch its mobile-based bus pass application has not gone down well with commuters, who feel that most of them are not technologically savvy or even have access to a smartphone.

"From the comfort of their home or office, one can buy mobile bus passes, daily, weekly or monthly through the Tummoc application, and passengers can simply show the mobile pass to the conductors who would validate it," AV Surya Sen, Director of the IT Department of BMTC told Bangalore Mirror.

Another official from the corporation said that the Tummoc application, a city-based start-up, would be hosting this service free of cost for the BMTC for now while BMTC is in the process of developing their own app where this pass system would be later incorporated, the official added.

Earlier, the existing bus pass system worked in the way that a commuter could purchase a daily or weekly pass directly from a conductor from any BMTC bus including AC, non-AC or electric buses.

"For the monthly passes, one has to approach select main bus stands like Shivajinagar or Shanti Nagar, stand in a queue and pay," Arun Prasad, an activist, said. "Instead, why can't the monthly passes also be issued by the bus conductors like the daily and weekly passes?" he asked.

According to him, BMTC could easily sell monthly passes by the conductor, and may be give a small incentive for them (conductors) to do that bit of an extra job, and it would also motivate them to sell more passes and the commuters also get to gain easy access to passes rather than waiting in long queues at bus depots to avail monthly pass.

> **"Why can't the monthly passes also be issued by the bus conductors like the daily and weekly passes?**
>
> – Arun Prasad, an activist

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BMTC shall soon have Electronic Ticketing Machines in buses for all forms of online payment and facilitate online travel passes

ALL THINGS PASS

'No more waiting for BMTC travel passes'

Our story on March 12 reported on BMTC going the tech way for bus passes

However, BMTC does not want to change anything from its routine operating system and the mobile-based bus pass issuing system is just an additional feature along with the existing one, BMTC officials reiterated, adding that they would be announcing the launch date of the app sometime next week.

Prasad wondered why BMTC assumes that the majority of their commuters have a smartphone. "Around 70 per cent of commuters who opt for BMTC's pass system are either from the middle class or lower-middle class; a large number of them from the economically weaker sections, who can hardly afford smartphones."

A regular BMTC commuter himself, Prasad, along with a group of several like-minded commuters have joined hands to present a memorandum to BMTC Managing Director Anbu Kumar IAS to consider issuing of even monthly bus passes from conductors of BMTC buses.

Recently, there was also a miscommunication that BMTC was going to outsource its bus pass services to a third-party vendor and earn a small part of it as commission. However, BMTC officials clarified that they were going to launch the mobile-based pass system in all its three categories.

Second BBMP truck accident in 10 days

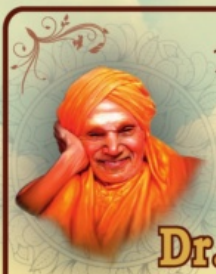
A 76-year-old man was killed on Thursday after a speeding garbage truck belonging to the BBMP ran over him on Thanisandra Main Road. This was the second incident in the last ten days where a BBMP garbage truck was involved in accident.

The deceased has been identified as Ramaiah, a resident of Sampigehalli and a farmer by profession, who was returning home after attending a family function.

While his family returned in a car, Ramaiah was following them on a scooter. The Chikkajala police quoting an eye-witness said that while Ramaiah was on Thanisandra Main Road, the speeding truck knocked down his scooter. Ramaiah lost balance and slipped under the truck and was run over.

The driver sped away soon after the accident and later the police recovered the abandoned truck from a few days away. The police have taken up a case of death due to negligence and hit-and-run case and efforts are on to track down the driver.

Recently, a Class 9 student, 14-year-old Akshaya, was run over by a speeding BBMP garbage truck in front of the Hebbal Police Station. Akshaya was was attempting to cross the highway, since the underpass was flooded with rain water. The BBMP official concerned failed to act despite complaints by the police personnel and the members of general public to clean up the subway. — BMB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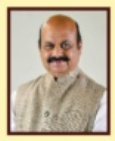
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Life coach to students' rescue

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corporate setting, Pasha equipped himself with some soft skills — setting goals, time management, and working towards achieving set targets.

One afternoon, after work, while he was walking back to his paying guest accommodation near Koramangala, Pasha passed a government school. He met with the headmaster and inquired if he could work at the school as a voluntary teacher. The principal readily agreed. So, Pasha got into something he was passionate about.

He quit his BPO job and started teaching full-time at the government school where he was awarded 'outstanding teacher' further on. Students achieved good results in exams and the school was happy with Pasha's efforts.

Pasha realised he could do more than just teach. He took up a crash course in speaking, body language, and storytelling skills and started working as a full-time life skills coach. He founded his own firm — Live Your Dreams — in 2019. By then, he had helped nearly 40,000 students across the country; he was often called in for engaging sessions for imparting qualities of goal setting and how to achieve it both in the short-term and long-term.

At this juncture, in March 2020, covid-19 struck. "The pandemic just changed lives," Pasha said.

During the lockdown, Pasha and colleagues volunteered with a trust distributing masks and creating awareness about covid appropriate behaviour. In the same year, he was also a part of a project in the slums of Subhashnagar, Electronics City, engaged in covid relief.

"I had to take care of around 15 volunteers who survey an area, make a note of the population, age, number of comorbid patients, number of elderly, children, women, etc.," he said.

Once that project was successfully handled, Pasha and his team started analysing the quality of education imparted at schools in and around Koramangala. He learnt

about how the schools were coping with online education and if at all the students were able to learn.

Pasha and his team figured out that at numerous schools, the online model of education did not do justice to the students' learning; moreover, teachers were not equipped to impart an education to students online. Students from economically weaker sections lacked smartphones and faced issues with internet connectivity. The education system as a whole had taken a huge hit, rendered ineffective.

Pasha and his team went around private schools in and around Koramangala and found that many students have not paid their fees and quite a number of them had decided to join government schools.

"However, they were not issued their transfer certificates (TCs) from their schools as they had pending fees to be paid; they were stuck unable to join even government schools. There were around 150 students ranging from standard VI to X who came into our list for whom we started raising funds through a trust to settle their fees and provide them scholarships," Pasha told Bangalore Mirror.

Pasha and his team not only paid the dues, but also came up with an idea of opening a centre for learning - free-of-cost for these children.

"Students were thronging our centre and in no time; we had more than 150 students who were enrolled for coaching," he said.

During the coaching, Pasha and his team realised that a standard X student's level of understanding of concepts and fundamentals was equivalent to that of a class VII student.

"That was the negative impact covid had on education," Pasha told BM, adding students had retained only 40% of what was taught to them before the pandemic and even through online education.

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Longer wait for TG Halli water

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However, the work was delayed then due to the covid-19-induced lockdowns. The unabated monsoon last year also forced BWSSB to push its deadline further to March 2022.

"We lost over six months' of crucial time due to lockdowns. The fear of a widespread pandemic had created an acute shortage of labour; that turned out to be the main reason behind this undue delay. However, the workforce is not an issue anymore," said a senior BWSSB official.

Once the project is completed, BWSSB will be able to pump 1.7 TMC (thousand million cubic feet) of water into the city. However, a lot depends on the completion of the ongoing Yettinahole project.

"We are expected to receive 1.7 TMC of water from Yettinahole. The TG Halli operations depend entirely on the completion and success of this project. We are told that it will be completed by August 2022. Soon after we receive the water, we will start pumping it to Bengaluru city," Ramesh added.

TG Halli reservoir is expected to quench the thirst of as many as 110 villages in the western part of the city.

The board started the rejuvenation work of the reservoir in 2019 with Rs 286 crore in its kitty. An STP and a water treatment plant were set up as part of the plan.

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Plea from dentistry students who have to work for long hours during internships without any pay

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Some students are expected to work for 24-36 hours during their internship

After repeatedly following up, many final year MBBS and BDS students of private medical and dental colleges were denied stipends for internships. Now a dentistry student has filed a writ petition with the High Court Of Karnataka.

The petitioner is said to be a final year student of a private dental college in Bengaluru and is said to have filed the plea in the interest of the dental community at large, as the undergraduates of private colleges are aggrieved by the disparity.

There are 29 private medical colleges and more than 30 private dental colleges in the state.

Rigorous course

The BDS course is said to be divided into one year of clinical studies in general science subjects and three-and-a-half years of para clinical and clinical studies, followed by one year clinical rotating internship which is mandatory one year service for all dental graduate in the hospital attached to a dental college and is also mandated by the Dental Council of India (DCI). The private college dental graduates pointed out that that they are given 24 hours, 36 hours and even 48 hours shift at one stretch in addition to their eight hour regular duty, which takes a toll on them.

They said they are ractising as clinicians and required to have compassion, yet they are exploited and not paid stipends, unlike the students of government dental colleges, who get a substantial amount of stipend paid every month during internship which ranges from Rs 25,000-35,000.

For the private dental college student, some colleges do not pay anything, and others pay a negligible amount of Rs 3,000-5,000 per month.

Recently the National Students' Union of India (NSUI) had requested the Department of Medical Education to issue an order to make it mandatory for private medical colleges to release stipends for final year MBBS students serving as interns and even dental colleges, but it wasn't considered.

Unfair practice, say students

Sanjay Raj, NSUI in-charge, Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS), said, "It is unfair for the interns as they work for about eight hours a day and even more than that and at the end of the month, most of them do not get paid anything. Since a year we have been following up on the issue of stipends, sending letters to the Health Minister and even other officials. However, nothing has helped. Now the students have gone to the High Court and we would seek justice there."

A student from a private dental college said it is very difficult without stipends.

"Some students are from other districts of states and stay in rented places. We have to ask our parents to pay for the space. Not everyone's parents are earning well to take care of our expenses. With a basic stipend set for the interns like the government college interns, it will help all the private college students immensely."

TRACKING IPL 2022

DK is as cool as Dhoni, says RCB captain

#Mumbai

Royal Challengers Bangalore needed 7 runs to win off the last six balls with only three wickets in hand but the experienced Dinesh Karthik held his nerves to hit a six and a four to guide RCB to a three-wicket win against Kolkata Knight Riders here at the Dr DY Patil Sports Academy in Navi Mumbai on Wednesday.

"DK's experience helped in the end, cool-calm, runs weren't never really too far away. He's probably as cool as MS Dhoni can get in the last five overs," said RCB captain Faf du Plessis in a post-match presentation. Bangalore team's seamers Akash Deep and Mohammed Siraj were picked up three wickets in the powerplays to give their team a terrific start after du Plessis decided to bowl first.

"Very happy. Good win, obviously chasing small scores, you want to be positive and not leave it late, but it was good bowling from their seamers. Tonight there was seam and bounce, the first night it swung a bit more," explained Faf du Plessis.

Despite the win, the RCB skipper believes that his team should have finished the match better as their bowlers bowled out Kolkata Knight Riders for 128 in 18.5 overs."Two-three days ago, it was 200 v 200. Tonight it was 120 v 120, pretty good. In an ideal world, we would've liked to have won more convincingly but a win is a win," told Faf du Plessis.

The Faf du Plessis led side has registered their first win of the season and now they will take on Rajasthan Royals in their next match on April 5. – ANI

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Bommai requests Andhra Pradesh CM to protect pilgrims

Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has requested Andhra Pradesh CM YS Jagan Mohan Reddy to provide protection to devotees from Karnataka after the clash between the pilgrims in Srisailam. A large number of pilgrims from other states visit Srisailam for the religious Jatra (fair) and the pilgrims from outside should be ensured proper protection, Bommai said.

Speaking to media persons about the incident at Srisailam, Bommai said, "A large number of devotees from Maharashtra and Karnataka visit Srisailam in Andhra Pradesh. A clash happened between the pilgrims and a stabbing incident too has been reported in the clash between the local pilgrims and the pilgrims from outside." "I have been in constant contact with Andhra Pradesh officials since yesterday night. The situation is now under control. Two pilgrims were seriously injured and have been hospitalized and are recovering," Bommai said. The Srisailam temple attracts lakhs of visitors from Karnataka for the Ugadi Utsavam. A minor argument between a devotee from Karnataka and a tea kiosk owner near Srisailam temple led to a massive clash between the two groups on Wednesday.

Many pilgrims from other states visit Srisailam during the relgious Jatra at this time of the year

Who is Hasaranga's favourite footballer?

#Mumbai

Royal Challengers Bangalore's all-rounder Wanindu Hasaranga won his first 'Man of the Match' award in the Indian Premier League (IPL) for picking his career-best bowling figures of 4-0-20-4 against Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) at DY Patil Stadium on Wednesday.

The Sri Lankan spinner who was seen celebrating in a special manner after taking a wicket, said that he has been inspired from Brazil football star Neymar Jr.

"My favourite footballer is Neymar and that is his celebration which I do," Hasaranga said. "Crucial situation, I got only four and got out. I am really happy. When I go play, I don't take any pressure. That's why I feel I got success," Hasaranga told Star Sports during the post-match presentation ceremony. – IANS

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Find your true self

What the new science of authenticity says about discovering who one really is

After following a white rabbit down a hole in the ground and changing sizes several times, Alice finds herself wondering "Who in the world am I?"

This scene, from Lewis Carroll's "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland," might resonate with you: In a world that's constantly changing, it can be challenging to find your authentic self.

I am a social psychologist, and my colleagues and I have been conducting research to understand what it means to be authentic. Our findings provide insights that not only shed light on what is meant by authenticity but can also offer some tips for how to tap into your true self.

What is authenticity?

In "Sincerity and Authenticity," literary critic and professor Lionel Trilling described how society in past centuries was held together by the commitment of people to fulfilling their stations in life.

Trilling argued that people in modern societies are much less willing to give up their individuality, and instead value authenticity.

But what, exactly, did he mean by authenticity?

Like Trilling, many modern philosophers also understood authenticity as a kind of individuality. For example, Søren Kierkegaard believed that being authentic meant breaking from cultural and social constraints and living a self-determined life. The German philosopher Martin Heidegger equated authenticity to accepting who you are today and living up to your potential in the future. French existentialist Jean-Paul Sartre had a similar idea: People have the freedom to interpret themselves, however they like. So being true to oneself means living as the person you think yourself to be.

Common among these different perspectives is the notion that there is something about a person that represents who they really are. If we could only find the true self hidden behind the false self, we could live a perfectly authentic life.

This is how contemporary psychologists understood authenticity as well - at least at first.

The authentic personality

In an attempt to define authenticity, psychologists in the early 21st century started to characterize what an authentic person looks like.

They settled on some criteria: An authentic person is supposed to be self-aware and willing to learn what makes them who they really are. After deciding what defines the true self, the authentic person will then behave in a way that is true to those characteristics, and avoid being "false" merely to please others.

In this view, authenticity is a psychological trait - a part of someone's personality.

But my colleagues and I felt there was more to the experience of authenticity - something that goes beyond a list of characteristics. In our most recent work, we explain why this traditional definition of authenticity might be falling short.

> **Seeking fluency - and avoiding internal conflict - is a good way to stay on the path to being true to yourself**

Thinking is hard

Have you ever found yourself trying to analyze your own thoughts or feelings, only to make yourself more confused? The poet Theodore Roethke once wrote that "self-contemplation is a curse, that makes an old confusion worse."

And there's a growing body of psychological research supporting this idea. Thinking is surprisingly effortful and people will do almost anything to avoid it.

This is a problem for a definition of authenticity that requires people to think about who they are and then act on that knowledge in an unbiased way. Our research gets around this problem by defining authenticity not as something about a person, but as a feeling.

When something feels 'right'

We propose that authenticity is a feeling that people interpret as a sign that what they are doing in the moment aligns with their true self.

Importantly, this view does not require people to know what their true self is, nor do they need to have a true self at all. According to this view, an authentic person can look many different ways; and as long as something feels authentic, it is. Our research aims to describe exactly what this feeling is like.

We propose that the feeling of authenticity is actually an experience of fluency.

Have you ever been playing a sport, reading a book, or having a conversation, and had the feeling that it was just right?

This is what some psychologists call fluency, or the subjective experience of ease associated with an experience.

According to our research, this feeling of fluency might contribute to feelings of authenticity.

Getting in the way of fluency

We were also able to show that when an activity becomes less fluent, people feel less authentic.

To do this, we asked participants to list some attributes that describe who they really are. However, sometimes we asked them to try to remember complicated strings of numbers at the same time, which increased their cognitive load. At the end, participants answered some questions about how authentic they felt while completing the task.

As we predicted, the participants felt less authentic when they had to think about their attributes under cognitive load.

At the same time, this doesn't necessarily mean you're not being authentic if you take on challenging tasks.

Research by a team of psychologists led by Daphna Oyserman has shown that people have different personal theories about ease and difficulty when carrying out tasks. Sometimes when something is too easy it feels "not worth our time." Conversely, when something gets difficult we might see it as especially important and worth doing.

This might mean that there are times when we feel particularly true to ourselves when the going gets tough.

Trust your gut

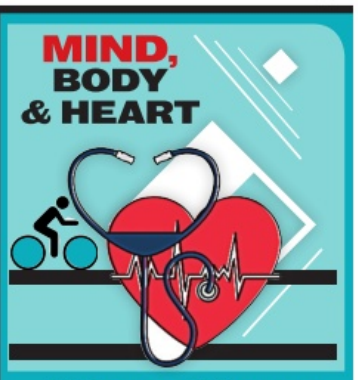
As romantic as it sounds to have a true self that's merely hiding behind a false one, it probably isn't that simple. But that doesn't mean authenticity shouldn't be an something to strive for.

Seeking fluency - and avoiding internal conflict - is probably a good way to stay on the path to being true to yourself.

When you go searching for the self in a sea of change, you might find yourself feeling like Alice.

But the new science of authenticity suggests that if you let feelings of fluency be your guide, you might find what you've been looking for all along.

(Matthew Baldwin, University of Florida for The Conversation via AP)



All problems solved

Dear Coleen

I've been with my partner for nearly eight years and we barely ever have sex any more.
I think we just got lazy and too comfortable and now it feels awkward to initiate it.
Our sex life used to be amazing and it's still good when we get round to it, but we can go for weeks without intimacy.
I'm only 37 and my boyfriend is 39. We don't have kids, so I can't even use that as an excuse. Help.

COLEEN SAYS

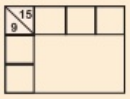
Coleen says I think the saying "use it or lose it" is very apt when it comes to sex. And the more you have sex, the more you want to have it. But, look, don't beat yourself up because it's easy to slide into a rut in long-term relationships. The good thing is, you've recognised there's an issue and that you need to start making an effort for each other and nurturing your relationship.
First of all, you've got to talk about it, even if it feels awkward. Ask your partner how he feels. I agree it can feel weird to jump straight back into it when you've had a long sex drought.
The key is to start building intimacy and romance outside the bedroom, so you want to have sex and it feels natural because you're more connected. Talk about ways to reconnect, which can be pretty exciting and sexy in itself.

—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

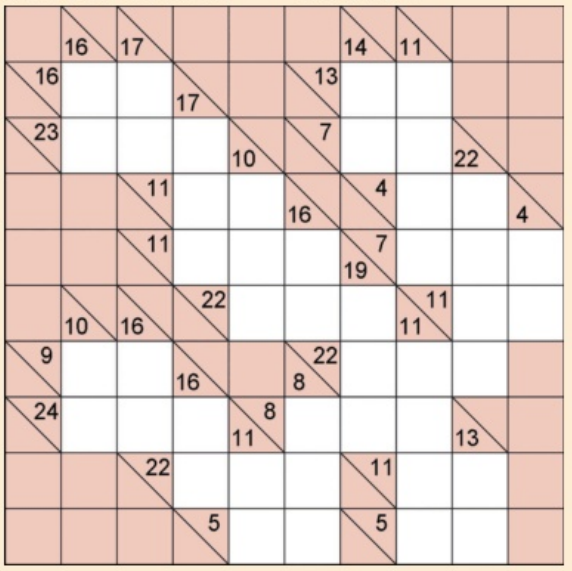
Gustav Klimt's The Kiss

Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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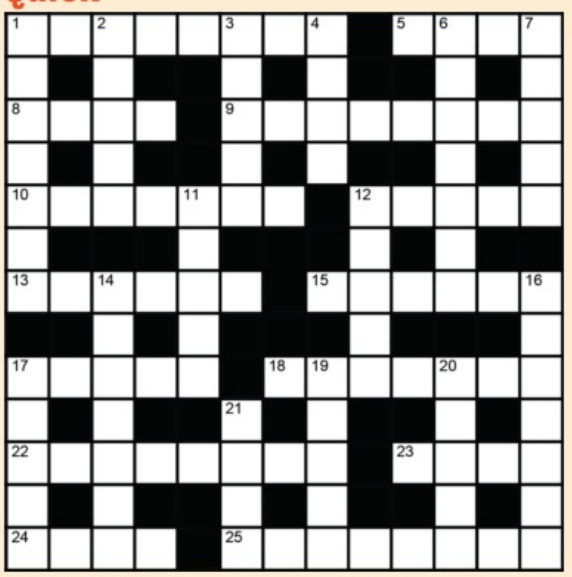


ACROSS

1 Youthful (8)
5 Operated; availed oneself of (4)
8 Expense (4)
9 Fifth columnist (8)
10 Categorising, classifying or assorting (7)
12 Stratagem to take at cards (5)
13 Having a peerage (6)
15 Bathroom accessory (6)
17 A steamed dosa (5)
18 Took the other side (7)
22 Sweet on a stick (8)
23 Information (4)
24 Ganguly's nickname (4)
25 Readdress (8)

DOWN

1 Get the ___ : win the big prize? (7)
2 XP's successor (5)
3 Norwegian dramatist (5)
4 Flows back (4)
6 Western lawman (7)
7 Mr. Randall or Mr. Underwood ? (5)
11 Small intestine part (5)
12 Gambling game (3-2)
14 Overturned or upset (7)
16 Fireman's pipe (7)
17 Was unwell or was sick (5)
19 Played with a wind instrument (5)
20 Use a razor (5)
21 Goad a horse (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: T EQUALS G

FZH RYMMZX XKHPF PADXCM XZ YMFZMC YMQ QZ YMFX-JAMT CPDC YX XJC DYEC XAEC.

Linemaro

Excuse me, but I think I dropped something. MY JAW!

Mindchow

The principle that keeps men in everlasting ignorance is contempt prior to investigation

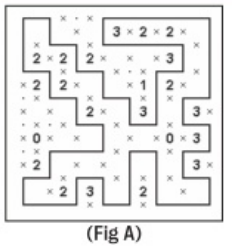
Joke of the day

Murphy's law of videos: Movies not available on video are the ones you want to see

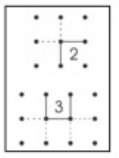
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

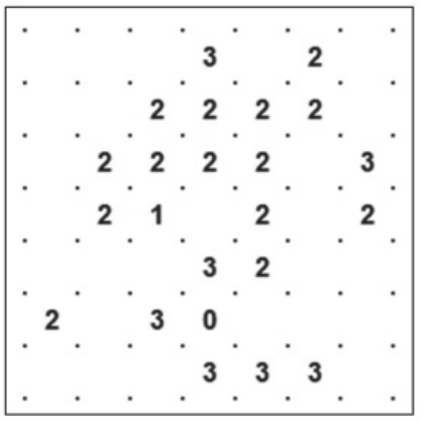


(Fig B) Not Allowed

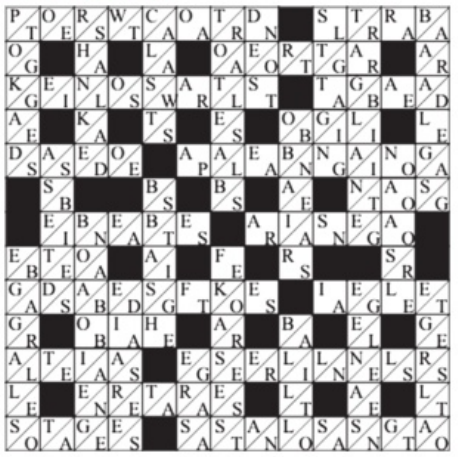
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



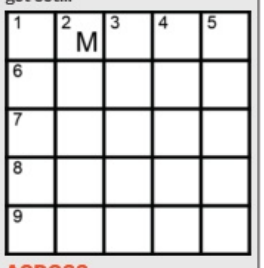
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

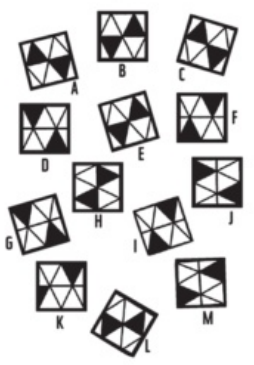
1 Trams; 6 Enrol;
7 Tuile; 8 Ems me;
9 Splat

DOWN

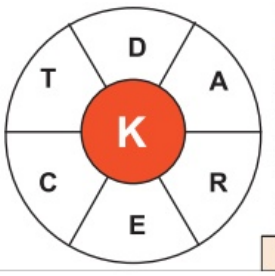
1 Lumps; 2 Lot me;
3 Amnia; 4 T reel;
5 Rests

Mensapuzzle

Match these patterns into four groups of three and state which is the odd one out.



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

15 Average; 17 Good; 19 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

	4	6						
9		2		6				8
		8	4			2	5	
			8				7	
5			7		2			3
	1				6			
	6	4			3	9		
3				8		1		2
						7	3	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 5
1 3 3 4

Medium = 69
2 5 6 9

Hard = 3
2 7 8 3

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Sandwich is higher. 2. Man is thinner. 3. Cuff is missing. 4. Cabinet is not as wide. 5. Man has less hair. 6. Wall is wider.

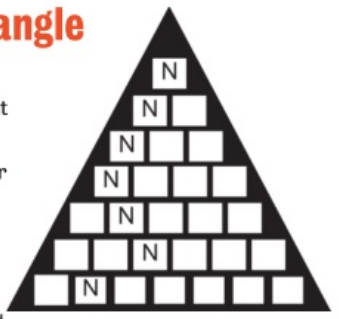
Riddler

When you behead a word, you remove the first letter and still have a valid word. You will be given clues for the two words, longer word first.

1. Large property with a house –> Declare; say
2. Come out from –> To combine; unite
3. Feeling; passion –> Movement
4. Same in ability; fairness –> Trait; character

Alpha triangle

1 One of the poles
2 Xi preceder
3 Cloister inhabitant
4 Part of speech
5 Alliance
6 Papal ambassador
7 Ointment



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

MOMMM... MY JAW HURTS AND ALL MY TEETH ACHE. I NEED SOME PAIN STUFF.
I'M NOT SO SURE THAT'S A GOOD IDEA... DON'T YOU THINK YOU'VE HAD ENOUGH?
I WANT MORE THAN ENOUGH.

Crankshaft

SURPRISE! I WHIPPED UP A BATCH OF BROWNIES OVER THE WEEKEND!
NO NEED TO THANK ME!
NO WORRIES THERE.
I TRIED SOMETHING DIFFERENT WITH THEM THIS TIME!
OH, REALLY?
A DIFFERENT WATER-TO-CEMENT MIXTURE?

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, during the starting of the day, you may not be focused towards your work, but with the help of your elder's blessings, you may be able to control this messy situation. You may easily find the resources, which might be important for completing the project. Your sources of income are likely to be increased, your losses may be converted into profits which may boost your financial health.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you will expect some big order from an overseas client which will increase your liquidity in the business. You are likely to meet some influential person who may help you to grow your business. Your bonding with the boss may become strong; you may expect some promotions because of hard work. Your prestige may be increased now.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you will be blessed by your elders which may give you patience. You are likely to be happy and calm. You may plan to visit some spiritual place for seeking peace of mind. You may also donate some amount to a spiritual place for development. There may be chances for an overseas trip.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you may feel dull, you may also have some health issues which may affect your day-to-day work. You may find yourself plagued by a mysterious fear, which may make you sensitive and emotional. You are advised to avoid rash driving and adventure tours. You will also be attracted towards the occult. You are advised to visit some religious place.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, blessings from moon may make you happy. You may help needy people. You are likely to analyse yourself and accept mistakes in your personal life, while your faith in relationship with the spouse is likely to be improved. This may boost confidence in the relations with the spouse. Disputes between partners may be resolved now.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you may feel healthy; old health issues may be resolved now. You are likely to win some litigation battle. You have full control over your opponents and business rivals. Your money which was stuck is likely to be recovered now which may boost your liquidity. You are likely to get new responsibilities at work which will give you benefits in the near future.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today may be mixed. You may be busy with kids' issues; couples are likely to welcome a baby. Those couples trying for a kid can get good news. With the help of wisdom, you may be able to settle disputes in business and social life. Students may plan for overseas education. Natives who are in a job, may plan for higher studies for a good career.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you may feel disappointment at work; you may not be able to enjoy your life at any moment. You may face some losses in property matters. It is advised to postpone investments for a while, otherwise you may face losses. You are also advised to take care of your parents' health.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you will be blessed by moon. You are likely to have inner strength; you may be able to make some difficult decisions at work. You may be busy in social get-togethers which may expand your network; your network may give benefits in the future in terms of work. Property-related disputes with siblings are likely to be resolved now.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you may be busy with the family; you may also plan for kid's academics. You are likely to spend money in buying some artefacts and creative stuff to renovate your house. You may plan to go for short trips for kids' academics. Their education may make you upset. You are advised to avoid any type of addiction, otherwise it may create some disturbances in the domestic life.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you will be blessed by the moon. With courage, you may be able to make good plans and may implement them efficiently. You are advised to control your overexcitement; you may make some mistake. You are advised to read documents before making signature. Your rivals and opponents will now be under control.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, your old health issues may arise again. Anxiety and restlessness may make you upset. You are likely to become unfocused towards your goals. You may waste precious time in doing worthless tasks. You are advised to control your spending on worthless stuff, it may affect your financial health.

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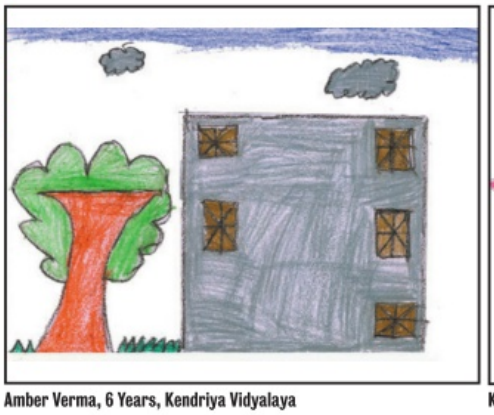

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SOLUTIONS

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12
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QUOTE UNCODE
You cannot truly listen to anyone and do anything else at the same time.

STRIKE OUT

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FAST FIVE

S	M	A	R	T
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U	T	I	L	E
M	E	M	E	S
P	L	A	T	S

RIDDLER
1. Estate -> State,
2. Emerge -> Merge,
3. Emotion -> Motion,
4. Equality -> Quality

QUICK

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MENSA PUZZLE
A–C–H, B–E–L, D–G–M and F–I–J; K is the odd one out.

BULL'S EYE
cake, caked, creak, dark, deck, drake, rack, racked, racket, rake, raked, tack, tacked, take, taker, teak, track, TRACKED, trek

SUDOKU

1	4	6	2	5	8	3	9	7
9	5	2	3	6	7	4	1	8
7	3	8	4	9	1	2	5	6
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3	7	5	9	8	4	1	6	2
8	9	1	6	2	5	7	3	4

ALPHA TRIANGLE
N, Nu, Nun, Noun, Union, Nuncio, Unction.

GO FIGURE
Easy
3 – 3 + 1 + 4 = 5
Medium
6 x 2 x 5 + 9 = 69
Hard
8 – 3 x 2 – 7 = 3

LOOP

KAKURO

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Pretty sentimental

Prabhas talks about an important project that is more than just a film for him

Pan-India star Prabhas, who has worked in hits such as the 'Baahubali' franchise, 'Saaho', 'Varsham', 'Darling' and 'Mr Perfect' is now gearing up for his next 'Adipurush', which he says is sentimentally a very important project for his life.

'Adipurush', which translates to 'The First Man', is a Hindu historical film based on the epic Ramayana directed by Om Raut. It also stars Kriti Sanon and Saif Ali Khan. According to reports, the movie is one of the most expensive Indian films ever made.

Talking about his slate of upcoming films to IANS, Prabhas shared: "'Adipurush' sentimentally is a very important project for my life. Om Raut, luckily I have a very good director. I had called him after three days and asked 'should I do it?' because if I do make mistake it will be very wrong."

The star, who has featured in Forbes India's Celebrity 100 list three times since 2015, stressed that 'Adipurush' is more than just a film.

He asserted: "It is not just a film." "It is not a film, it is something very important and everyone will be having a look at it. I was really frightened of it and is very important for me. It is something else I feel."

The 42-year-old star has had his share of hits and misses in a career spanning over two decades. Do box office numbers matter to Prabhas, who is often referred as "Darling" by his fans? "Yes. I can't get every 'Baahubali' as a film... But the budgets and the people's acceptance is very important. It does not mean I break records nothing like that but how much I am reaching in every part... How many people are disappointed, happy or super excited that I can only know through box office. It is important." About regrets in his journey , Prabhas shared: "When your film doesn't do so well always before also after also you feel maybe somewhere I should have concentrated or we should have done that... It is a process of my profession otherwise I don't have so many regrets."

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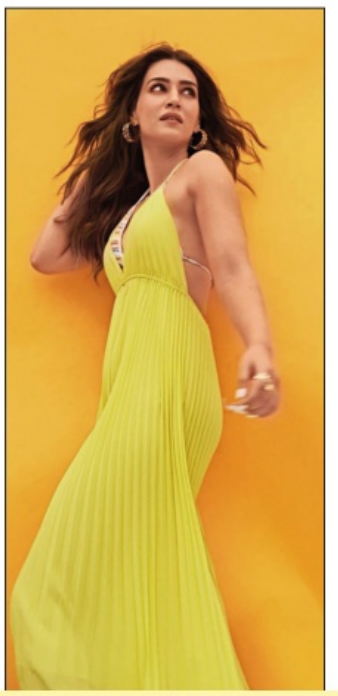

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Yellow there

10 celebrity-inspired ways to wear yellow this summer

Nushrratt on one mad, fun ride

Actor Nushrratt Bharuccha on Thursday started filming for her upcoming movie "Selfiee", headlined by Akshay Kumar and Emraan Hashmi.

The actor is shooting for the Dharma Productions film in Bhopal. "Selfiee" reunites her with director Raj A Mehta, with whom she had worked on the Netflix anthology "Ajeeb Daastaans".

Also starring Diana Penty, "Selfiee" marks the second collaboration between Bharuccha and Kumar after their upcoming feature "Ram Setu".

"I am super excited to be a part of the 'Selfiee' cast and looking forward to be working on one more film with Akshay sir...And that too right after 'Ram Setu', which makes it even more special.

"Of course my director Raj Mehta, who I have last done 'Ajeeb Datsaans' with, is one crazy fun director! And him and Akshay sir on set, it will definitely be a laugh riot all day everyday! 'Selfiee' is going to be one mad fun ride," the 36-year-old actor said in a statement.

Bharuccha said she is also looking forward to working with Hashmi and Penty on the film, which is a remake of the 2019 Malayalam-language comedy-drama "Driving Licence".

The original Malayalam movie was directed by Lal Jr from a script by Sachy. It revolved around a superstar (Prithviraj Sukumaran) famous for his driving skills who loses his licence.

The issue, however, spins out of control after he locks horns with a motor inspector (Suraj Venjaramoodu), who happens to be a fan of the actor.

PTI

It's a wrap for Nagarjuna, Sonal's action scenes

With Telugu superstar Nagarjuna and Bollywood actress Sonal Chauhan in lead roles, 'The Ghost' is being shot at a rapid pace.

It is reported that the makers have wrapped up a key schedule featuring Nagarjuna and Sonal Chauhan in Dubai recently.

Helmed by Praveen Sattaru, the film's Dubai schedule was rolled out on March 10. The schedule has been wrapped up successfully after about 19 days. The pictures from the sets have come out, as Nagarjuna and Sonal can be spotted in slick attire as Interpol officers.

In a statement, the makers said that grand action scenes were shot in top-notch locations in Dubai. "A particular sequence canned in the desert will stun the audience," they added, as they unveiled a few pictures from the sets of 'The Ghost'. It is reported that Sonal was trained to perform intense stunts, while she will be seen in a titular role in the movie. Nagarjuna and Sonal's fans seem to be really excited to see this fresh pair's blazing chemistry on the big screen.

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Alia rubbishes rift rumours

Actor Alia Bhatt has quashed the rumours of her being upset with ace filmmaker SS Rajamouli over her limited screen time in 'RRR'.

Refuting this, Alia wrote on her social media account: "In today's randomness, I've heard that I have apparently deleted my RRR posts because I'm upset with the team. I sincerely request everyone not to make assumptions based on something as random as an Instagram grid. I ALWAYS realign old video posts from my profile grid because I prefer it to look less cluttered." She even expressed her gratitude to SS Rajamouli.

"I am eternally grateful that I got to be a part of the world of RRR. I loved playing Sita. I loved being directed by Rajamouli Sir, I loved working with Tarak and Charan - I loved every single thing about my experience on this film. The only reason I'm bothering to clarify this is because Rajamouli Sir and the team have put in years of effort to bring this beautiful film to life and I refuse to let any misinformation around the film and experience slide," she wrote.

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